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POINTED STRIKE : A videograb shows smoke billowing after explosions – caused by Israeli strikes targeting leaders of Hamas – in Doha on Tuesday | AFP | P14

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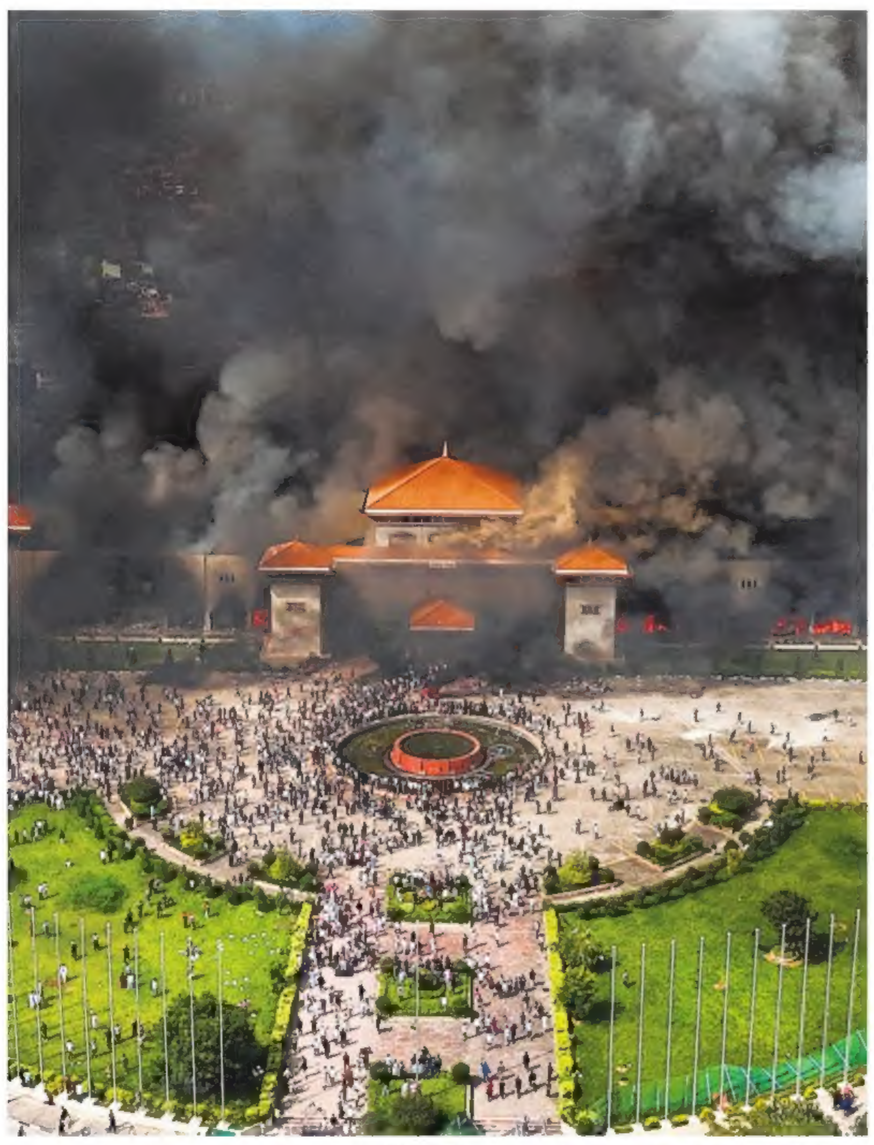

An aerial view of the parliament complex in Kathmandu set on fire by a rampaging mob on Tuesday | PTI

OLI & OUT

NEPAL PM QUITS AFTER PROTESTERS STORM HIS RESIDENCE ● OLI'S HOUSE, PARLIAMENT SET ABLAZE ● TOLL CLIMBS ● ARMY TAKES CHARGE OF SECURITY

MOBS ON THE RAMPAGE

Mobs set Oli's house on fire, torched homes of ex-PMs Sher Bahadur Deuba and J N Khanal, burnt ex-FM Ramsaran Mahat's house as also the SC building

ADVISORY TO INDIAN CITIZENS

Indians in Nepal have been advised by the MEA to stay in their current places of residence, avoid going out and be cautious

MODI'S APPEAL FOR PEACE

In a late night message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to all in Nepal to support peace. He said stability, peace and prosperity of Nepal are important to India

39 KANNADIGAS STUCK IN NEPAL

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah has directed Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh to ensure the safe return of 39 Kannadigas stranded at Kathmandu Airport

THE night of September 8, 2025, will be remembered as one of Nepal's darkest. Nineteen young lives were lost, more than 500 people were injured, and the entire nation was left in shock. A peaceful rally led by Nepal's Gen Z was met with bullets, killing children and youth wearing their school and college uniforms. The next day, young people defied the curfew, taking to the streets in growing numbers. Their persistent pressure forced several ministers in K P Sharma Oli's Cabinet to resign — and finally, on September 9, around 2 pm, Prime Minister Oli himself stepped down.

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The Army is the only effective institution in the country now. In a televised address to the nation, Army chief Ashok Raj Sigdel appealed to the protesters to come forward for dialogue, while taking charge of security. As per Nepal's constitution, the President is a ceremonial figure, but the Army is under his control.

But what began as a peaceful demand for justice soon spiralled into vandalism. Media footage showed mobs attacking the residences of former prime minister and president of Nepali Congress Sher Bahadur Deuba and Foreign Minister Arzoo Rana Deuba, pulling out sacks of money and throwing them into the streets — not pocketing it, but rejecting it in symbolic defiance. Now, there are reports that some top leaders, fearing mob attacks, are planning to flee the country. This escalation was never part of Gen Z's plan, yet the movement has triggered a political storm unlike anything Nepal has seen.

September 8 was a sleepless night for most Nepalis. Parents and grandparents who lost their children — and those who did not — felt the pain. The killing of 19 young people will remain a stain on Nepal's history. The overall toll is expected to cross 30.

The government's response was not dialogue but suppression — imposing curfews, banning social media, and ordering security forces to shoot. Social media has since been restored, but the lives lost cannot be recovered. These youth were not protesting merely because Facebook messenger, or WhatsApp was blocked. They were marching against decades of corruption, the widening inequality between political elites and ordinary citizens, and the lack of opportunities that forces many young Nepalis to leave the country.

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Cross-vote bounty as CPR wins 452-300

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

NDA's nominee C P Radhakrishnan was on Tuesday elected as the next Vice President of India, defeating the Opposition's joint candidate, Justice B Sudershan Reddy, by a margin of 152 votes. While Radhakrishnan secured 452 votes, Reddy managed to poll only 300.

Radhakrishnan, a BJP veteran from Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra Governor, has served as a two-term member of the Lok Sabha from Coimbatore during the tenure of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The NDA has projected him as an untainted leader with rich political and administrative experience for the vice president's office.

C P Radhakrishnan

While the NDA victory was on expected lines, the Opposition INDIA block suffered a major setback, as it witnessed cross-voting by at least 14 MPs. The vote tally suggested some cross-voting in favour of Radhakrishnan as the BJP claimed that at least 15 Opposition members voted for the NDA. Earlier, after the voting got over, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh had claimed that the opposition stood united with all of its 315 MPs turning up to vote.

The BJP-led NDA has 427 MPs across the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, and with the support of YSR Congress's 11 MPs, it was hoping to garner 438.

The Opposition was hoping to bag at least 324 votes for Justice Reddy as he was supposed to pick up 12 from AAP. Arvind Kejriwal, AAP convener, had extended support to Justice Reddy. However, an Opposition leader, who did not want to be named, said the numbers suggest that AAP may not have voted for Justice Reddy. **P11**

EXPRESS READ

ED arrests Cong MLA Sail in Belekeri case

Bengaluru: The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Tuesday arrested Congress MLA Sathish Sail in connection with a money laundering case linked to the Belekeri Port iron ore scam | **P4**

Police book case over pro-Pak slogans

Shivamogga: The police on Tuesday registered a suo motu case against those who raised pro-Pakistan slogans during an Eid-e-Milad procession in Bhadravathi on Sunday | **P4**

AVALANCHE KILLS 3 SOLDIERS

Three soldiers lost their lives when an avalanche struck Siachen base camp in Ladakh on Tuesday | **P12**

Not seen daylight in jail, give me poison: Darshan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

"I HAVEN'T seen daylight in jail. Please give me poison," pleaded actor **Darshan**, who is in prison along with his associates for allegedly murdering his fan Renukaswamy, while appearing before court through video conference on Tuesday. He broke down, even as the court directed prison officials to provide the actor basic facilities and also allow him to move around on the jail premises, as permitted by the prison manual.

Darshan, currently lodged in Bengaluru Central Prison, had filed a petition seeking basic amenities in prison, including an additional blanket and pillow.

After hearing the arguments, the judge said the actor can be given an extra blanket and a pillow, and also facilities must be provided to him in line with prison rules. "Darshan should be allowed to move within the prison premises, consult doctors if health issues arise and use his own money to purchase food and snacks from the prison canteen," the court said.

The court also directed jail authorities to respect prisoners' rights, follow the prison manual, provide minimum basic facilities and ensure that all amenities usually given to undertrials are extended to the actor as well. **CONTINUED ON P5**

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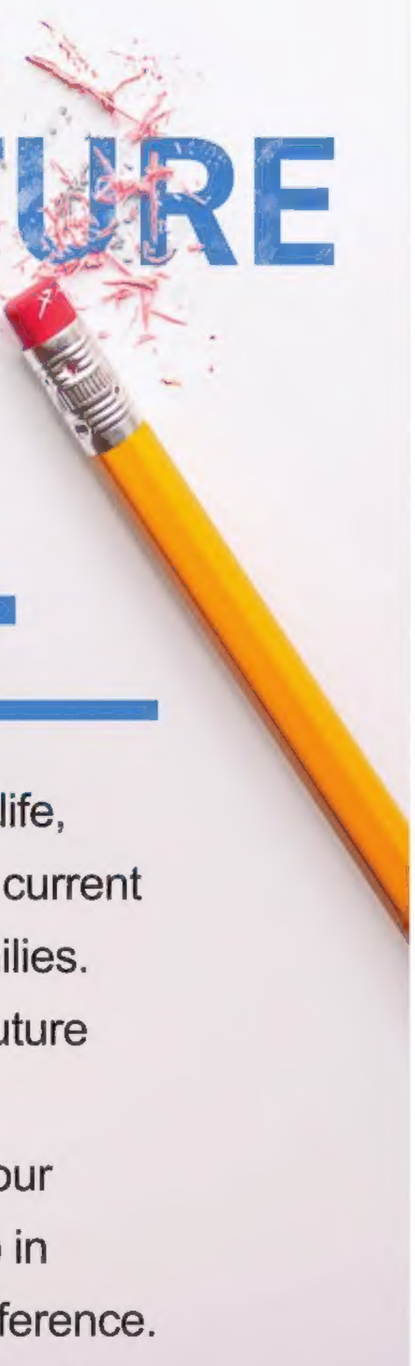

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